

AUTO PASSENGERS NEAR FIVE BILLION

Far Greater Than Rail Patronage—Truck Tonnage Half Steam Freight.

Automobile passenger travel neared the five billion mark in 1920, reports of National Automobile Chamber of Commerce show. Fully 4,932,000,000 persons were carried by motor car during this period, as compared with the 1,234,222,859 revenue passengers of the railroads.

Motor trucks hauled 1,200,000,000 tons of freight, or nearly half the amount carried by rail lines, which totaled 2,504,000,000 tons.

The growth of the automobile business has not been competitive with the railroads, however. Much of it is directly tributary, as in bringing both passengers and freight from farm to town, and in suburban service to cities. Another large field for high-

ways transport when not directly tributary to railroad is the travel from point to point over short haul distances where there is no other means of communication.

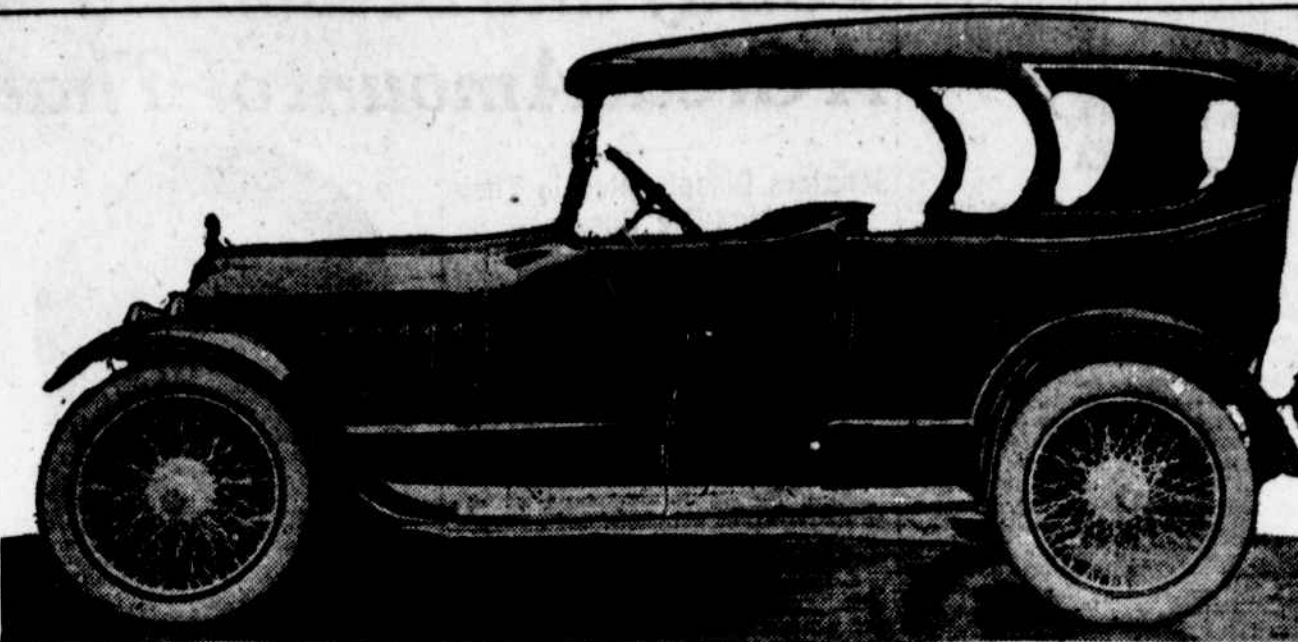
The motor car passenger figures increased 400,000,000 during 1920, due to the gain in motor vehicle registration. At the same time the railroads showed a gain of 60,000,000 revenue passengers.

The motor car passenger figures are based on the United States Bureau of Public Roads registration of approximately 3,200,000 passenger cars (reduction allowed for State not registering trucks separately). From this as a basis the passengers are estimated at 2 per car per day with an average use of 300 days per year. The railroad figures are from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

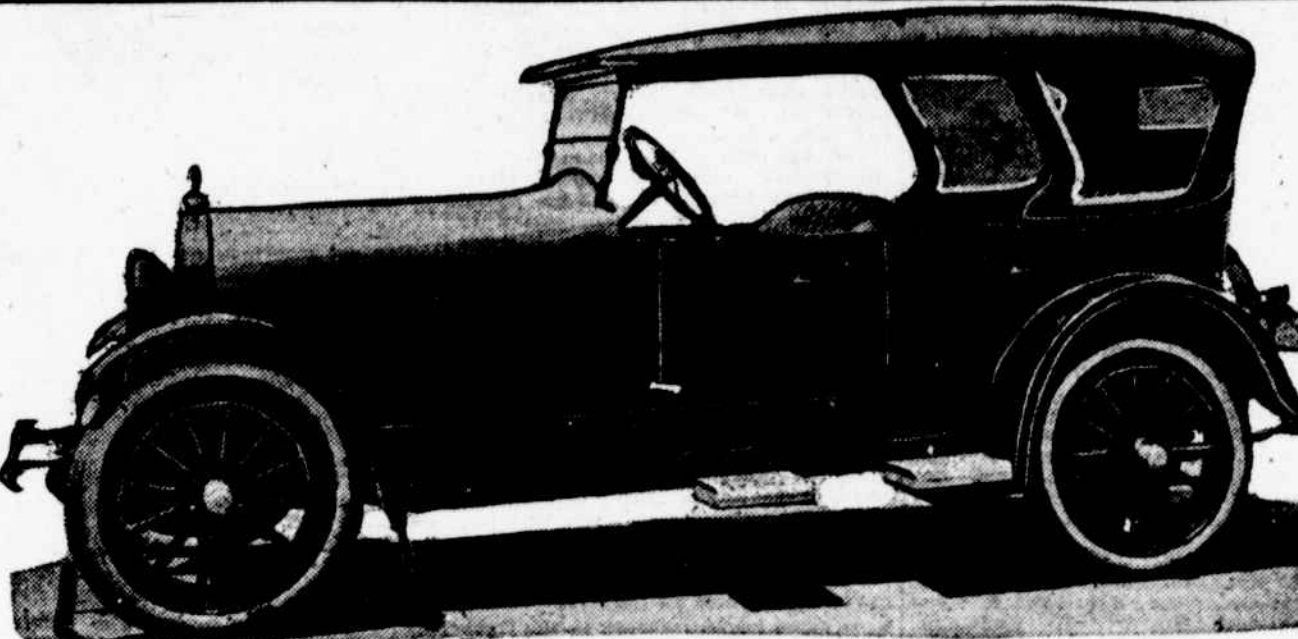
Tanks Travel on Water.

One of the most recent creations in motor propelled vehicles is a tank invented in France, which makes its way over land and in water. Loaded with five passengers, a demonstration was recently made at Murellles, where the unique machine traveled over the ground at a fair rate of speed and then continued down the bank into the river, where it maneuvered about like a power boat.

PEERLESS TOURING MODEL, fitted with California top by the Auto Body Shop of Twenty-first and Virginia avenue.



DAVIS TOURING CAR on display in the new show rooms of the Rine Motor Sales Company at 1612 Fourteenth street northwest. The California top was built by the Acme Auto Top Company, of 1421 Irving street northwest.



ABOLISHES SNEAK AUTO DETECTIVES

As is the common practice for most cities, the police department of St. Louis for the past few years had a large number of policemen in civilian clothes, and even in some cases civilians patrolling in Fords or other makes of automobiles in order to intercept violators of the speed law. Stewart McDonald, who was recently appointed a police commissioner of St. Louis, is also president of the Moon Motor Car Company, and while fully concurring in the mat-

ter of rigidly handling careless driving and violations of the traffic and speed ordinances, has taken an entirely different view of the situation. He has placed all motorcycle officers back in uniform and done away entirely with the sneaking method of apprehending violators. Commissioner McDonald states that he is of the firm conviction that over 95 per cent of the violators of speed and traffic ordinances do so unconsciously.

"The majority of owners of automobiles are law-abiding citizens, taxpayers, and the very bone and sinew of our national fabric. They believe in not only making the laws but in upholding them. Why should they be hunted down with a lot of gumshoe methods that are applicable to only thieves, crooks, burglars, etc.?" Entirely aside from the fact that these respectable citizens are entitled to civil treatment, Mr. McDonald is of the opinion that the speed and traffic violations can even be diminished by the very fact that the motorcycle policemen are in full uniform.

"The average man or the average car owner when he sees a police motorcycle with the officer neatly dressed in uniform standing beside it and located for instance, at the intersection of a boulevard, will instantly receive a mental impression which will bring to his mind the rules and regulations covering the handling of automobiles."

MAXWELL AGAIN WINS HILL CLIMBING HONORS

The Maxwell again took the honors for hill climbing when it made a record run up Toll House grade, near Fresno, Cal., on May 13.

This hill has a maximum pitch of 23 per cent and a change of elevation of 1,700 feet in two and one-tenth miles.

In the past, repeated attempts have been made by many cars to negotiate this hill in second gear, but without success.

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my home in New York, but for sport and healthful outdoor exercise, I prefer to ride a motorcycle. Sometimes I play golf, but nothing invigorates me so much, or gives me more pleasure than to don my riding suit and puttees and go for a ride about the New York parks and boulevard system. I know that certain of my friends think I'm crazy because I ride a motorcycle, but that is only because they never rode motorcycles themselves, and don't know what real sport is."

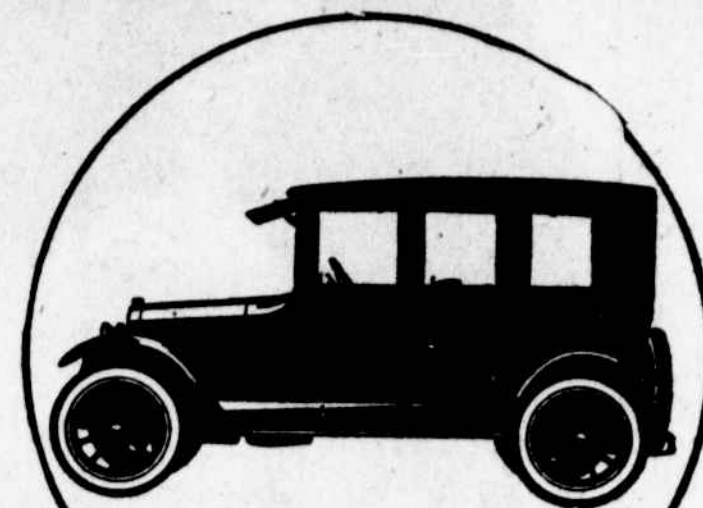
For the benefit of those who have never heard of Frohman, they have but to refer to almost any billboard

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Further information will be furnished by any member of the Board of Directors or the office of the company.

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